Meeting of State Governments on matters of Commerce and Industry

1853. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had recently convened a meeting with the State Governments on the matters concerning commerce & industry;

(b) if so, the details of the demands put forth by various State Governments;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government of Karnataka has indicated that it has prepared detailed report as per Central Government's guidelines on development of three clusters pertaining to Garment Industry at Bellary, foundary products at Belgaum and Cashew at Mangalore, which have great export potential; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the State Governments were consulted before preparation of the proposed draft scheme.

(c) Yes Sir. These proposals were sent to Ministry of Small Scale Industries by Karnataka Government. Now, the Government of Karnataka has informed us that they will be sending these proposals to Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

(d) Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme is being formulated by this Ministry. The scheme has been given 'in principle' approval by the Planning Commission. It is pending for final approval and as and when the Scheme is approved, the project proposal of Government of Karnataka will be examined.

Trade relations between India and USA

†1854. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the areas in which trade relations have been established between India and USA;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.